

McDONALD NOT TO BUILD NEW ROAD

Constructor of Subway, Who Was Slated to Head Port Chester Company, Suddenly Decides He Won't Take Job.

"I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO THE WORK," HE SAYS.

John W. Gates, C. W. Morse and Other Capitalists in the Enterprise Greatly Surprised by His Withdrawal.

After it had been announced to-day that John B. McDonald would build the New York and Port Chester Railroad, from One Hundred and Thirty-third street and Willis avenue to Port Chester, Mr. McDonald declined the offer of the presidency of the construction company that has been formed to push the road through. His determination to remain out of the project was a great surprise to Charles W. Morse, John W. Gates, Samuel Untermyer and C. W. Gotshall, president of the New York and Port Chester Railroad Company. These gentlemen are deeply interested in the contemplated completion of the road.

The New York Railroad and Development Company was formed to-day at a meeting held at the New Amsterdam Bank, with \$3,000,000 capital, of which \$1,000,000 is paid in. This is a construction company, and it was planned to have it build and equip the road and then turn it over to the New York and Port Chester company as Mr. McDonald turned the Subway over to the Interborough.

A man was sent to Trenton, N. J., to file the certificate of incorporation, and it was announced that at a meeting to be held next Monday John B. McDonald would be elected President of the construction corporation. Contracts calling for an expenditure of over \$14,000,000 have been prepared and it was planned to begin work in the spring.

McDonald Keeps Out of It.
An Evening World reporter called on Mr. McDonald to talk to him about the new construction company. Mr. McDonald said that he knew about it, but that he had decided that he would not go into it as President of the corporation or as the contractor for the road and equipment.

"I regret," he said, "that my personal business will not allow me to take the Presidency of the New York Railroad & Development Company or to take the contract for the building of the Port Chester railroad. I have a modest interest in the company, which I shall keep. I thoroughly believe in the enterprise and believe that it is feasible, practicable and will be profitable to the community."

When Mr. McDonald's attention was called to the fact that both Samuel Untermyer and President Gotshall, of the New York & Port Chester Railroad Company, had officially given out the report that he was to head the construction of the road, Mr. McDonald replied: "I cannot help that, replied Mr. McDonald. 'I will not be able to do the work.'"

What Wall Street Thought of It.
The meaning of the report that Mr. McDonald had allied himself with C. W. Morse and John W. Gates, bitter enemies of August Belmont, had spread through the Wall Street community. It was said that this was the real reason for the recent split between Mr. McDonald and Mr. Belmont. Now that Mr. McDonald has refused to go into the new company, Wall Street does not know what to think.

The Port Chester company has not secured a permit from the Board of Aldermen to lay tracks and cross streets in the Borough of the Bronx, but President Gotshall said to-day that he was not worrying about that. That the New York, Westchester and Borton Railroad Company, a rival of the Port Chester corporation, has a permit, however, President Gotshall refused to believe that Mr. McDonald had declined the Presidency of the construction company.

Morse May Take the Job.
"Who will head the construction company, now that Mr. McDonald has declined?" "I have no official information that Mr. McDonald will not take the job," yet the company will, in any event, have a President. Very likely Charles W. Morse will be its President. It is only an honorary position, and he thought it due Mr. McDonald. However, I believe that he will reconsider his decision and accept the office within the next few days."

TWO BURNED TO DEATH.
RUMFOLD FALLS, Me., Dec. 2.—Matthews Haines, an aged resident of Mexico, a small town a few miles north of Rumfold Falls, and his wife were burned to death early to-day in a fire which destroyed their homestead and other buildings. The fire was caused by an explosion of illuminating gas, and several other persons in the house were each about eighty years of age. The property loss was severe.

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DESPERATE FIGHTING IN THE HILLS AROUND PORT ARTHUR—DIAGRAM SHOWING LATEST FORT TAKEN BY THE JAPS.



RUSSIANS ATTACK 203-METER HILL

Stoessel's Forces Make Desperate but Unsuccessful Attempt to Recapture Stronghold Taken from Them.

TOKIO, Dec. 2.—Concentrating almost all their entire available force in the forts at Port Arthur, the Russians under Gen. Stoessel yesterday made a determined but unsuccessful assault upon 203-Meter Hill, just captured by the Japanese.

The Japanese met the oncoming Russians with the same determination and recklessness that has marked their fighting since the siege of Port Arthur began.

The Russians, to strengthen their forces, drafted sailors from the battleships hemmed in in the harbor. The Japanese met the assault with fury. Shell and shrapnel ploughed through the ranks of the ragged, weak and half-starved Russian troops, but when they came, and then began the hand-to-hand conflicts that have continued since the assault on 203-Meter Hill began days ago.

How many men the Russians lost cannot be estimated. That their casualties were heavy there is no doubt. No quarter was shown on either side and none was expected. No prisoners are known to have been taken. To fall in the fighting line was death. The Japanese followed the retreating foe to the edge of the city. Then they retired to their newly captured fortress.

15,000 Japanese Fall.
The capture of 203-Meter Hill cost the Japanese dearly. It is estimated that 15,000 men fell in the assault. In the fortress are dead Russians and Japanese, and all about are wounded and dying. The dead are being buried and where possible the injured are being attended to.

The Russians are now fortifying the positions available between Mantai Mountain and Liaoti, and the belief is current here that they will make their last stand on these positions.

All hope of surrender by the men under Stoessel has been abandoned. The belief here is that the Russians will fight while a soldier is left to shoulder a gun. So bitter is the feeling between the troops on both sides that a massacre is predicted when the Russians have been driven from their last stronghold. The Japanese have been warned that their commanders will be held responsible by the Mikado for any act of cruelty, but it is a question if the commander can hold the hatred of the men in check.

The Mikado has ordered that Port Arthur be taken at all cost, and his generals are fighting for positions of vantage night and day. It is believed that the Russians cannot possibly hold out for more than a few days. The limit of their endurance is fixed at Dec. 13.

JAPANESE DRIVEN BACK TO THE TAITSE

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.—Despatches from Mukden to-day say that Gen. Rennenkampf's forces have driven the Japanese out of a new position southward of Tsinchitchen (near Da Pass). The fighting was short and sharp.

The Japanese burned their supply depots in three villages and retreated pursued by Cossacks as far as the Tette River. The Japanese losses were about fifty killed and one hundred wounded. The Cossacks destroyed a Japanese telegraph line and occupied the village of Suldun.

Gen. Sakharoff reports that a Russian reconnoitering force attacked the Japanese entrenched at Lamatun at nightfall Wednesday and drove them out at the point of the bayonet, pursuing them so far as the Shukhe River. About twenty-five Japanese were bayoneted. The Russians secured many rifles and equipment.

AMERICAN SUBMARINES SENT TO VLADIVOSTOK

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.—Two American submarine-boats have passed a very successful test at Cronstadt and will be shipped immediately to Vladivostok by rail.

CITY SEEKS OWN LIGHTING PLANT

Board of Estimate to Ask Legislature for Charter to Light Streets, Parks and Public Offices with Electricity.

At the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to-day the discussion of the gas and electric lighting situation resulted in the passage of a resolution directing the Corporation Counsel to prepare an amendment to the City Charter, to be introduced into the Legislature, permitting the city to own its own electric lighting plant, for the purpose of lighting city buildings, streets and parks.

The resolution was introduced by Comptroller Grout, and but one dissenting vote was cast against it, that of Martin W. Littleton, President of the Borough of Brooklyn.

Mr. Littleton, after arguing that the board was going into something with which it had nothing to do, declared that if it did go into it, he wanted it to take the bulk of the burden and the trouble of the lighting plant, which would be a relief which was now sought by the city.

Further, said Mr. Littleton, "I do not see why the city should lend its credit to the company that built the Subway for seventy-five years. I am in favor of municipal ownership there."

The discussion of gas came up after the regular meeting of the board when the Comptroller brought up the question of the Oakley Electric Co. He reviewed the troubles with the gas and lighting companies.

He told how the Board of Estimate had given the power to the Commission to sign the contract for Westchester lighting and how the city would save in an increased light. He said, as to the holding up of the companies' money, a similar condition of affairs had existed in 1899, and the city had been forced to pay in full with interest. He said the compromise effected saved \$250,000.

"The situation," said the Comptroller, "is not ideal, but it is a gain. The trouble is the city is dealing with a single person in its lighting contracts. Two years ago we sought relief by asking the Legislature to permit us to build a lighting plant. The mere possession of the right would permit us to drive down the price of the gas."

Comptroller Grout replied that he thought it was the board's business when the city was being held up by a monopoly. The board, he said, was the governing body, and it was a business proposition.

"If it is a good thing, why not give the taxpayer individually the benefit, supply every one?" said Mr. Littleton. "The city now has municipal ownership," said Mr. Perne. "It is building ferries."

"It owns its water supply," said the Mayor. "The time will come when it will own all the ferries, I think," said the Comptroller.

LEFT GAGGED IN GAS FILLED ROOM

Railway Station Agent Declared He Was Attacked and Robbed, but Police Try to Discredit His Story.

(Special to The Evening World.) TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 2.—William Wilmott, night ticket agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was found at 10 this morning, bound, gagged, robbed and in an air-tight room with the gas turned on. His coat was tied around his body, confining the hands, and his handcuffed had been tied over his mouth as a gag. The man was discovered before he felt the effects of the gas. A search showed that \$21.21 was missing from the cash drawer.

Wilmott said that two men got through the windows of the station while two others watched outside. After binding and gagging him, they took the money from the cash drawer and left him in the room.

They then thrust him into the room, and turning out the gas, left him. Detectives Pilger and Clancy, who were detailed on the case, discredited Wilmott's story and talk of a fake.

They point out that over the ticket window is a grating, secured by two Yale locks. These locks were opened with a key apparently. They were not broken. The window was found closed down. The key to the locks were discovered inside, where they usually hang, and the police say they believe that Wilmott or an accomplice took the keys, opened the locks and then hung them up again to avoid suspicion.

They also say that the hour at which the alleged deed was committed is a busy one around the station here. The morning newspapers had arrived, with the usual bustle of newsmen, and city patrolmen report in front of the building every half hour. No one heard or saw anything, and the patrolmen on the beat scout the story.

Wilmott, however, declares his story is true.

MME. JANAUSCHEK'S FUNERAL

Services Held Over Body of the Dead Actress.

The funeral of Mrs. Francesca Romana Janauschek took place this afternoon at the chapel of the Campbell undertaking establishment, No. 241 West Twenty-third street.

The services of the Roman Catholic Church were said by the Rev. Cornelius J. Crowley, of St. Columba's Church. There was an address by Milton Nobles, a member of the Executive Committee of the Actors' Fund.

MRS. NOBLE AGAIN TRIES TO GO FREE

Fourth Time to a Police Court and Still Held, Though Coroner's Jury Has Voted Her Not Guilty.

Mrs. Josephine Leighton Noble was taken again to-day from the county jail to the Magistrate's Court for a hearing on the charge of having caused the death of her husband, Paton Noble, former clerk of the Magistrate's Court, who was shot and killed in his apartment at No. 132 Twelfth street on the night of Nov. 12.

The case was postponed on Wednesday for the third time, because subpoenas had not been served on four material witnesses, and the persons whose presence was desired could not be found.

A coroner's jury has acquitted Mrs. Noble of responsibility for her husband's death, and found that the shooting was accidental.

Mrs. Noble was brought into the court room a few minutes before 10 o'clock by Keeper James O'Brien. Soon afterward her sister, Miss Eleanor Leighton, and Mr. Shibley, assistant to Charles E. Le Barbier, counsel for Mrs. Noble, arrived and took seats by her side.

The case had previously come before Magistrate Smith, but he is now sitting at Far Rockaway, and Magistrate Healy is presiding in the Long Island City Court.

The evidence taken to-day was the same as that given before the Coroner's jury.

LEITER'S GUARDS FIRED ON.

Lively Exchange of Shots at Mine Where Strike Is On.

DUQUOIN, Ill., Dec. 2.—Guards at the Dyle Blockhouse, half way between the town of Zeigler and the pumping station, which are over two miles apart, were driven to cover shortly after midnight by an attack from the woods, in which about fifty shots were fired. An attack was also made on the pumping station, which was answered promptly by the guards and deputy marshals guarding the plant.

Shortly after the firing began at the pumping station a squad of soldiers was sent from Zeigler, and by the aid of a searchlight beat the brush around the mine, but located no one. At an hour's time during the night, the searchlight man said he had spotted some men at the "mine shafts," and soldiers were sent there, but no shots were fired. The machine guns are now ready for action in the town of Zeigler. It is said five pompom guns, which about 300 explosive shells a minute, have been ordered by Joseph Leiter.

LOW BOARD TO PASS ON OAKLEY'S PLAN

Board of Estimate Will Ask Burr Commission to Consider New Water Supply Scheme and Make Report on It.

If the Commission appointed by Mayor Low, of which Prof. Blen, of Columbia, is head, approve of the \$90,000,000 water supply plan of Commissioner Oakley, the Board of Estimate may prepare for its ultimate adoption.

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CANNOT SETTLE STRIKE.

Roosevelt Tells Steel Workers He Sees No Way of Interfering.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—President Roosevelt to-day informed a delegation representing the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin-Plate Workers that he saw no way by which he properly or legally could interfere to bring about a settlement of the strike of the union employees of the Carnegie Steel Company, of Youngstown and Girard, O. The company is one of the constituent corporations of the United States Steel Company.

SCALP OF GIRL IS STITCHED ON AGAIN

Surgeon at Bellevue Hospital Performs a Difficult Operation on Anna Dougherty, Injured in Pencil Works.

Anna Dougherty, the seventeen-year-old girl who had her scalp torn off in the machinery of the Eagle Pencil Company's works yesterday afternoon, was said to-day by the authorities at Bellevue Hospital to have a fighting chance for life. Under the direction of Dr. George Woolsey, visiting surgeon to the hospital, the scalp, which had been torn completely from the skull, and which was brought to the hospital by Dr. Erdmann, was placed in position and stitched on again.

The placing of the scalp in position was done very carefully, the position of the various blood vessels being approximated in order that circulation may resume, which is practically all that is necessary to a cure. The only other danger is from the possibility of the flesh not being aseptic, but it is believed that this danger has been obviated.

The operation is creating interest among the surgeons in the hospital, not only for the nature of the case, but for the fact that the victim is an attractive young woman and the main support of her family, her father now being out of work, and her four younger brother and sisters being largely dependent on the wages she received. If successful, it will be the second operation of the kind in the history of medicine and surgery. Another and almost exactly similar case occurred in Indiana about four years ago, and was successfully treated.

CASH FOR NEWSBOY'S LEG.
"Jimmie" Barry Wins His Case Against Railway Company.

"Jimmie" Barry, a nine-year-old Bronx newsboy, with a turned-up nose and freckles, won a double victory in Justice Blanchard's part of the Supreme Court to-day. His word was taken against that of the motorman, conductor and a half dozen other witnesses of the accident which took his right leg off just below the knee on One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, and the jury found a verdict for \$2,000 in his favor against the Union Railway Company.

"Jimmie" testified that he had gone through the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street car selling papers, emerging at the front door, when the motorman shoved him off the platform and he fell under the car and the wheels cut off his leg. The motorman, conductor and other witnesses for the company said "Jimmie" was stealing a ride; hadn't been in the car at all; but with one foot on the corner of the front step and one hand clutched on the handle he was riding with his body swinging back flat against the side of the car, out of sight of conductor and motorman, when he slipped and fell under the wheels.

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